Power supply to Himachal Pradesh as royalty

2034. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact the Central Government had accepted the Himachal Pradesh Government's right of 12 per cent free power as royalty for all power projects of that State;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Himachal Pradesh Government is yet to receive the same;

(c) if so, the reasons for delay in this matter; and

(d) whether Government propose to take an early decision in this matter; if so, by when a decision is likely to be taken,

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) However, the request of the Government of Himachal Pradesh for 12 per cent free power from Baira Siul Hydroelectric Project of National Hydroelectric Power Corporation has very recently been accepted by the Government of India.

Short fall in capacity Addition in Central Hydro Sector

2035. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a shortfall in the achievement of targetted capacity addition in the Central Hydro Sector, viz. against targetted capacity addition of 550 MW and 295 MW during the years 1992-93, 1993-94 respectively, actual achievement was only 115 MW in 1992-93 and nil during the period from April to September, 1993;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) what are the reasons for the shortfall during each of the years mentioned above;

(d) what is the amount spent on capacity addition during each of the last three years; and

(e) what steps Government have taken so far to achieve the targetted capacity addition in the Central Hydro Sector,

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The details of the shortfall in hydro capacity addition in the Central Sector during 1992-93 and 1993-94 including the reasons therefor are given at Statement (See below).

(d) The amount spent on the above mentioned capacity addition during 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94 is Rs. 318.06 crore, Rs. 263.58 crore and Rs. 284.61 crore respectively.

(e) The steps taken for more efficient achievement of capacity adidtion targets include close monitoring of the progress of work on projects and timely follow up with the agencies concerned for removal of bottlenecks/constraints.